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Number of active NGOs in various Non-Hindi Speaking States under the scheme of financial assistance to voluntary organisations operated by Central Hindi Directorate

Sl. No.	Name of the State	No. of NGOs
1.	Kerala	09
2.	Tamil Nadu	14
3.	Andhra Pradesh	22
4.	Karnataka	32
5.	Maharashtra	09
6.	Goa	02
7.	Gujarat	03
8.	Punjab	01
9.	Assam	49
10.	Mizoram	01
11.	Nagaland	01
12.	Meghalaya	03
13.	Manipur	14
14.	Orissa	05
15.	West Bengal	28

HRD Task Force on IT

4670. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Task Force on HRD in IT has submitted its final Report to Government;

(b) if so, when it was submitted; and

(c) what action has been taken so far on this Report?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

Elimination of Illiteracy from Rural Areas

4671. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state what steps Central Government would take to eliminate illiteracy from the rural areas of the country and by when?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): As per provisional Census 2001 figures, the literacy rate is 65.3 per cent. For the first time since independence, the absolute number of illiterates has decreased by 31.9 millions during a decade.

The goal of National Literacy Mission is to attain full literacy i.e. sustainable threshold level of 75 per cent literacy by 2005. It seeks to achieve this goal by imparting functional literacy to non-literate in 15-35 age group.

A new approach has been adopted since 1st April, 2000 with the following features to ensure effective implementation of literacy programmes particularly in rural areas;

(i) National Literacy Mission (NLM) parameters have been revised and financial norms enhanced.

(ii) Decentralization and delegation of financial and administrative powers to State Literacy Mission Authorities (SLMAs).

(iii) The integrated Total Literacy Campaign (TLC) and Post Literacy Programmes (PLP) approach to achieve continuity, efficiency and convergence.

(iv) Under Continuing Education Programme neo literates are provided opportunities for skill development, income generating programmes and individual interest promotion programmes. Centres also work for removal of residual illiteracy.